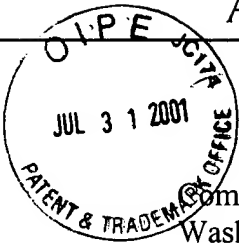


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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/767,943

Filed: January 24, 2001

Title: Topical Treatment or Prevention of Ocular Infections

Inventors: Dawson, *et al.*

Atty. Docket: 13587.205

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form-1449 (1 page) with 5 accompanying documents; and
3. a return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

As the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the first action on the merits, Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If any fees are due in conjunction with this filing the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter deposit account 50-1824, referencing matter number 13587.205.

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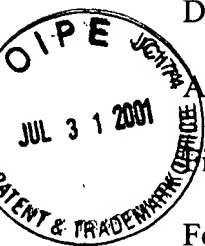
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It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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